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Applicant : Grooten, et al.) Group Art Unit : 1648
Appl. No. : 10/045,185)
Filed : October 18, 2001)
For : **USE OF INTERLEUKIN-15**)
Examiner : Winkler, Ulrike)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed September 8, 2003. In response to the election of species requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Group 1, the anti-IL-15 antibody. This election is made with traverse. Claims 9-11, 14, and 18 read upon the elected species.

No fees are believed to be due for the present Response, however, would any fees be due, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: Sept. 23, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Response to Restriction/Election of Species Requirement in 1 page.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.
- (X) Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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